

CHAPTER 139.

RAILROAD COMPANIES.

AN ACT to Repeal Section Two of Chapter 169 of the Laws of the Ninth General Assembly, and enact a Substitute therefor, in Relation to the Duties of Railroad Companies. APRIL 14.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That section two of chapter 169, of the laws of the Ninth General Assembly be, and the same is, hereby repealed. 1869: ch. 169, §2, repealed.

SEC. 2. In the month of June, in each and every year, every railroad company operating a railroad in this State, shall fix its maximum rates of fare for passengers and freight, for transportation of timber, wood, and coal, per ton, cord, or thousand feet, per mile, also its fare and freight per mile for transporting merchandise, and articles of the first, second, third, and fourth classes of freight; and on the first day of July following shall put up, at all the stations and depots on its road, a printed copy of such fare and freight, and cause a copy to remain posted during the year. For willfully neglecting so to do, or for willfully receiving higher rates of fare or freight than those posted, the company shall forfeit and pay to the State of Iowa, for the use of the school-fund, not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, to be recovered in any civil action in the name of the State; and it is hereby made the duty of the several district-attorneys, within their respective districts, to sue for and recover all sums forfeited as aforesaid; and such company shall also forfeit and pay to the person injured, double the amount of compensation or charge illegally taken, to be recovered by such person in a civil action. To fix maximum rates of fare and freight in June.
Printed copy of rates to be posted in July, and to remain.
Penalty.
Duty of district attorneys.
Payment to person injured.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed by the General Assembly of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Daily State Register, and Des Moines Daily Bulletin, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa. Taking effect.

Approved, April 14, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, and in the *Des Moines Daily Bulletin*, April 26, 1870.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*